

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 4 March

Remember to subscribe to the newsletter on our website to receive an electronic copy.

The Pride of Milton winners are Alfie H in KS1, Felix S in Lower Key Stage 2 and Henry W in Upper Key Stage 2.

The winners from our Achievement assembly this morning are:



Fantastic Friend	Arts Award	Learner of the Week	Milton Manners
Darcy W Jessie T	Abi H	Ted T Max C Harrison B Lacey R Luke H Lucy L Liam W Sadie B Elliott H	Niamh B

Playtime hero	Team Player Award	Sports Award
Jack C Evie B Isia J Kitty C Noah H	Annabel M	



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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

PTA Fashion Show

A big well done to the PTA who raised an amazing £472.03 at the Fashion Show at The Royal George on Friday night. Their hard work behind the scenes and the support from those parents who went to the event has meant that we are closer to meeting our goal of improving the playground equipment.

Thank you

Following our Governor Update last week (please see below) regarding funding for projects we are extremely grateful for the responses we have received so far. Thank you to Skools Out who have generously donated £1000 towards the construction of the wooden cabin for Forest School. Also thank you to those parents who have also been in touch with the school to offer their support both financially and professionally to help get this project up and running. If anyone else would like to help with this project please get in touch with the school before we start implementing this project.

High School places

Last week the Year 6's were anxiously waiting to hear which high school they will be going to in September. We believe everyone was happy with the schools they were awarded. We would just like to talk this opportunity to say well done to Alex Baker who took part in various assessments/interviews to try and gain a place at either Hulme Grammar or Manchester Grammar School in September. Both schools are incredibly difficult to get into and Alex was offered a place at both! Alex has decided to take up a place at Manchester Grammar, well done Alex.

Reminder World Book Day – 7 March

It is World Book Day this Thursday 7 March and to mark the event we would like the children to bring in one of their favourite books to share with other children in different classes. **Children can also wear what they want on this day too. We are also offering a special Roald Dahl school meal to any child that normally has a packed lunch at a cost of £2.18. We need to have replies for this, by tomorrow at the latest, if you would like your children to have this meal.**



The menu will be:

Peppa's Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Gruffalo's Beef burger
Little Miss Sunshine's vegetable Burger
All served with chips
Cat in the Hat Chocolate Concrete
With Pink or Green Custard

Mossley and Carrbrook's Got Talent

Well done to Alex Baker, Madison Burfoot, Skye Collins and Molly Howarth for being chosen by the Arts Council to represent Milton St John's at the Mossley and Carrbrook's Got Talent show on 4 April. Alex will be singing 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and Madison will be singing 'Hello' with Molly and Skye representing this through dance. Tickets will soon be on sale!

Smoke Free Gates

The School Council have been working towards Smoke Free Gates status and we are very pleased to announce we have now achieved it. Smoke free signs will soon be visible in the playground along with the winning posters judged by the School Council. The winners will be announced this week.

SATS Meetings

There will be a short meeting for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 to discuss the upcoming SATS tests. The meetings will be held straight after school for approx. 30 minutes on the following dates:

Class 2	Wednesday 20 March
Class 6	Wednesday 27 March

MCSP Eco Competition

Thank you to all those who took part in our Eco competition: it is clear we have some very creative pupils and very encouraging to see that children are trying to find new ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

All children will be given chance to vote for their 3 favourite inventions this Wednesday 6 March, where results of the winners will be revealed by the end of this week!

As part of our MCSP partnership, the 3 winning inventions will then be judged by local councillors and scientists at Mossley Hollins on Wednesday 13 March, starting at 4pm, with an aim to finish at 5pm.

Parents, staff and children are welcome to come and support. Hope to see you there!



Red Nose Day 15 March

We are now selling red noses in school for £1.25. Correct change only please to be sent in. The children may also wear anything red that day in return for a donation of £1. Let your imagination run wild! Red hair, red accessories, go crazy!

On this day Reception class are on a trip to the Sea Life centre, therefore these children will need to be in full school uniform. We will have their Red Nose Day on Mon 18 March where they can wear red as above for a donation of £1.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 2 April, letters will be sent out this week to allow you to book the most convenient slot. Please return your slips by the date requested. **Could we also remind you that only Year 6 children are allowed at Parents evening. We had a number of complaints from parents at previous evenings that they couldn't hear teachers in the hall due to the noise children were making.**

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Fairtrade Fortnight

Date for competition entries extended to Thursday 7 March

As a school, we will be looking closely at the concept of Fairtrade during the next 2 weeks as today marks the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight. Many of our assemblies will explore the differences that buying Fairtrade products can make to individuals, families and communities. We will be holding a competition for the children to design something that brings awareness of Fairtrade to others. This can be a picture, poster, booklet, poem or persuasive piece of writing. Entries can be handed in to Mrs T and should be in no later than Thursday 7 March. Winning entries will be selected by members of the Mossley Fairtrade Committee and some members of the Ethos Team.

Governor Update

As you are probably aware a key role of the Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee at our school is to monitor and review the school budget to ensure we get value for money when purchasing anything for school. The Governors and Leadership Team at our school sometimes have to make very difficult decisions about the services we do, (and do not buy) to ensure we are being cost effective whilst ensuring we provide a full and engaging curriculum for all children.

You may also be aware that the funding formula for all schools is changing and as a result we believe that Milton St John's will unfortunately have a reduced budget from 1 April 2019.

Going forward we will endeavour to keep you informed about projects that we are keen to bring to Milton St John's and fund from our budget, but we are advising parents that we may not always be able to achieve everything we would like to do due to a reduced budget and/or increased costs to run the school.

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Due to the above, and to ensure parents views are considered, Governors have decided that in some cases, we will ask parents to provide their feedback on specific services that we buy in order to help make an informed decision. As an example of this, a letter will be going to all parents this week asking for your feedback on a specific service to school, and therefore gain parents views before an informed decision is made. A text will be sent to all parents advising them when the letter is being sent home.

Alongside this initiative we will also highlight, on our future newsletters, the projects that we are working to achieve in our budget, so parents are aware of where any savings that are made where those savings could then be re-allocated to. For example one project that most parents are aware of is a cabin for our school field to support Forest schools which we are currently trying to find funding for.

Governors are also keen to keep our newsletter updated with such projects so that any local businesses who may wish to help the school e.g. donate materials or resources (or monetary donations to the school) can get in touch with us and we can work together to provide the best for our children.

Class Assemblies

Please note the following dates for your child's class assembly. You are welcome to attend your child's assembly; they start at 9.05am in the school hall for 20-25mins approx.

Class 5	Friday 8 March
Class 4	Friday 15 March
Class 3	Friday 22 March
Class 2a	Friday 29 March
Class 2b	Friday 5 April

Dates for your Diary

7 March	World Book Day
15 March	Red Nose Day
15 March	Reception trip to Sea Life Centre
18 March	Red Nose Day for Reception class
21 March	World Poetry Day – theme – Kindness
25 March	Class 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
2 April	Parents' Evening
25 April	Easter Service at St John's
14-17 June	Class 6 Kingswood trip

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Oliver The Musical

Oliver is on at Stockport Plaza Tues 26 – Sat 30 March 2019. Ticket hotline is 0161 442 3669.

Micklehurst Cricket Club

We are looking for new players for the 2019 season. Training is held at Mossley Hollins High School on Monday evenings 7.30pm – 9pm. For more information please see our Facebook page or phone 01457 832163.



We are in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight around the world. Let us make a special effort during this period to help farmers achieve a better standard of living by purchasing Fairtrade products.